



### **23<sup>rd</sup> Swimming Gala (2012.10.10)**

#### **Opening Address by Our Principal, Ms Tang Wai Chun, Agnes**

Good morning teachers, parents and students. Today, we gather at the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool for our school Annual Swimming Gala. Last year, members of the school community were overwhelmed with joy with fruitful returns of about 1500 prizes and awards won by our students --- at the same time, with the results in various sports and swimming equally impressive. We reaped medals, cups and trophies in different areas and events. My sincere gratitude has to be conveyed to our coaches and teacher advisors for their professional guidance and training provided to the teams. My heartfelt thanks to all parents for their support and encouragement given to their children, to sustain their will and perseverance in perpetual and tough training.

Annual Swimming Gala is one of the major school functions which demonstrates our school's high regard for all round education, our commitment to the promotion and development of sport and aesthetic skills of all our students. Aesthetic and sports training, which has become part of the assessment in the education reform, contribute to character development, holistic and wholesome education. Let parents and school join hand in hand and work in sync to this direction for the healthy growth of our younger generation.

We believe that every young people should know some kind of sport and aesthetic skills which lead to fulfilling life. Quality life comprises quality work, quality leisure activities and hobbies. Our school has deployed considerable resources to nurture students' sports and recreation skills. In recent years, our school teams have started to shine and excel in different kinds of external sports competitions. They brought treasured memories to themselves, glory upon our school and good deeds for all of us.

My heartfelt thanks is expressed to all guests of honour and parents for their coming and support to us. My appreciation and gratitude also go to members of the Swimming Gala executive committee, teachers, house advisors, members of four houses and all student helpers for all their effort, thoughtful planning and teamwork which surely will make this Swimming Gala a great success. Thank you.